

# Fund-raising car washes go fish-friendly!

Gone are the days of letting the soapy wash water run down the road and into a storm drain during a fund-raising car wash. You may miss the good-old-days and wonder why things had to change. That soapy wash water carries more than a little soap; it also contains dirt, petroleum products and heavy metals. Once that wash water enters the storm drain system it travels directly to the Colum-



bia River. Car wash water does not sound appealing to swim in plus it is a prohibited discharge under the Wenatchee City Code 4.10. Fund-raising car washes can still happen; they just need a special kit to make them green. These car wash kits collect the wash water and then pump it into either the sewer system or onto on-site landscaping.

## **Steps to take to have a green car wash:**

- Contact the business that will be hosting the car wash to reserve the day.
- Call the city to reserve a car wash kit for that location.
- Pick the kit up before your car wash. The kit can be picked up Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm. The person picking up the kit will need to have a valid driver's license and to sign a form that they are responsible for the kit. (The kits are big and may be wet and dirty so it is best to have a truck to pick them up.)
- After the car wash the kit needs to be returned in good working order within 2 business days.



For more information call  
(509) 888-3235

## **The kit will include:**

- A catch basin insert with a sump pump
- A grate lifting hook
- 2 traffic cones
- Hoses
- Instruction card